Dear Parent / Caregiver

It was wonderful to acknowledge the new School Leaders for 2014 at the Investiture parade on Monday. Thanks to those parents who were able to come along to view the ceremony. I am sure that the children will lead the school with enthusiasm and represent themselves and our community with pride for the remainder of the year.

It has been very pleasing for Ms Fitz and I to be in classrooms and see the success of our new digital reading resource first hand. From my perspective the children have been really engaged during these comprehension lessons and are really picking up on the skill or strategy taught.

To assist parents to better understand these skills and support their child when reading at home I will be including a brief overview of a skill and its use in future Newsmundis. There are eight skills in total that we are teaching the children during reading group activities, starting in Years 3, 5 and 7. These skills are:

- Identifying Detail
- Finding the Main Idea
- Sequencing
- Compare and Contrast
- Fact and Opinion
- Cause and Effect
- Bias and Prejudice
- Figurative Language

This week we will focus on – ‘Identifying Detail’.

Identifying Detail is finding information about events, objects, animals and people. The information is usually about an object, character or event that is connected to the main idea of a paragraph or the book.

When reading with your child consider questioning them on the details found within the text relating to the main character. Ask specifics and see what they can tell you about what they have just read. Questioning helps the children make sense of what they have just read and develops comprehension.

Good luck in getting into the details!

Student Absences

To ensure a successful start to the school day it is very important that the children arrive at school on time and are ready to start learning with their class. The school admin regularly reviews student absence data, which again revealed that we have a number of children arriving to school late. This data also suggests that the majority of student absences occur on a Monday or Friday. Parents are asked to please ensure that their child attends school regularly. Please see the table below as it shows how quickly a few minutes each day away from school adds up over a year!

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YEAR 2 & 3 EXTENSION MATHS

In the past week I have been testing over 60 students to select some Year 2 & 3 students for the Extension Maths Program. As the title suggests, students will be taken once a week from class in small groups to extend their knowledge and skills in the key learning area of Maths.

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Julie Fitzsimon

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Term 1 parent / teacher interviews will be taking place in the last 2 weeks of this term – class teachers will be sending home a letter in the next few weeks.

These interviews are a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and discuss their progress at school to date. I would encourage all parents to make the time to come along to these meetings as communication between the home and school is most important in improving student outcomes.

School Bus Meeting

Verrierdale and Doonan (Grays Road and Redwood Road bus runs)

Parents and children using this bus service are invited to attend a meeting at the school Monday 10 March at 2.00pm

P & C Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 18 March
from 7.00pm
in the Arthouse

All welcome
See P & C News in this issue for more details

Cybersafety help button

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.


Finally this week congratulations go to Ella Honeysett, Tane and Tenaya Carmont and Mitchell Warren who have been selected to compete in the State Championships in Brisbane later this month.

Enjoy your week

Mick

Catch a ‘C’ - Erin 1D, Alex 1D, Lilly 1L, Molly 2FS, Poppy 2/3CP & Belle 3M, Annabelle 4M, Isabella 4S, Lylla 6C and Phoebe 6S

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards on parade for special effort, achievement and co-operation in class.

Minister Approves Noosa District SHS Junior Secondary Campus

After 18 months of planning, community consultation and an anxious wait, the Minister for Education, Training and Employment the Hon John-Paul Langbroek, has ‘signed off’ on a Junior Secondary Campus proposal for Noosa District.

On Wednesday 29th January the school received formal notification of the approval. This now paves the way for the development of the Pomona site as a ‘purpose built’ Junior Secondary Campus for the school community.

This approval confirms that in 2015 all Year 7 and all Year 8 students enrolled at Noosa District SHS will attend the Junior Secondary Campus at Pomona with an estimated total population of approximately 450 students. All Year 9 students will then transition to the Cooroy campus to continue their junior secondary schooling in the Junior Secondary Precinct already established and take advantage of the specialist facilities on offer as they move into the senior phase of their education.

New Teaching Block

Central to the school’s proposal for this as the ‘preferred option’, was the expansion of existing teaching facilities at the site. The minister has given approval for new facilities to be built with an estimated value of almost $5 million dollars.

Facilities will include a new two story teaching block consisting of:

- 6 ‘General Learning Areas’ (classrooms) - specifically designed for Junior secondary teaching
- A large ‘Flexible Learning Area’ with wet area facilities
- An outdoor Project Development Area
- A further ‘Collaborative Teaching Space’
- A Staffroom and Head of Department Office.

The building will be positioned at the front of the school to the right of the main entrance. It has been designed with dual stair access and a lift for students with disabilities.

A two story design was chosen with possible future expansion in mind. The ground floor of the building will initially be an open space (Undercroft) with the development of new Administration offices for the site a future possibility.

In the immediate term it is envisaged that the Undercroft will make a valuable space for student assemblies, covered play and a waiting area for bus pick up.

Other Enhancements

In addition to this, the campus will also see a redevelopment of the current student Resource Centre (Library) with existing areas ‘opened up’ and upgraded with technology to cater for the increased student population.

For Students with Disabilities and support needs a designated teaching block is being developed and specialist toilet facilities will be added.

To cater for an expanded HPE and Sport program a new multi-purpose storage shed is planned that will also incorporate an outdoor teaching space and Weight Training room.

A number of enhancements to teaching technology have also occurred, particularly in the area of Industrial Design with the planned installation of a Data Projector, Laser Cutter and 3D Printer to complement the new junior Design program.

During the holiday break air conditioning has also been installed in the Administration building and teacher staffroom to improve the work environment for staff.

Community Information

A number of portable displays including plans for the new facilities, and features of the purpose built campus, are currently being developed and will be shared with the school community in a number of locations. All feeder Primary Schools will also be provided in the coming weeks with further information to share with their students, parents and wider school communities.

A Flying Start to Junior Secondary

A purpose built Junior Secondary Campus now places Noosa District State High School at the forefront of schools across the state in introducing Year 7s to secondary and establishing a Junior Secondary Program of the highest quality. With enrolment positions expected to be in high demand, planning is already underway and further details will soon be forwarded to all Primary Schools so that parents can register their interest for joining the Noosa High school community in 2015.
Arrr!! Mr Kiorgaard walk the plank! The Preps were a ruthless bunch of pirates as they made Mr Kiorgaard walk the plank and then wrestle some crocodiles. The Preps thought that walking the plank looked so much fun that they had a go too!

P was the focus of the day with Pass the Parcel, percussion, parrots, painting parrots and ‘Pieces of Eight’ and plenty more! Ahoy, me hearties.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Thank you to everyone for your support of Book Club and Book Fair in 2013. As you can see from the certificate we have bought a lot of books! 267,236 minutes equates to approximately 4454 hours of reading and that is 7 hours per student!

Scholastic Book Club offers a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. Book Club is offered twice per term and our annual Book Fair is held in November of each year.

This week students will receive Book Club issue 2. Please fill in the order form on the back. Simply select any books your child would like and return the order form to the library, with correct payment, by Friday 14 March. NO LATE ORDERS PLEASE. We send all the orders to Scholastic, the books are delivered back to the school and distributed to the students to take home.

Please note you can pay by credit card by phone and record the receipt number on the order. Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Australia.

From our participation in Book Club the library receives free books and teaching resources. Last year the library received over $2000 worth of free resources.

LIBRARY BORROWING
Please make sure that children have a waterproof library bag. This ensures that rain or leaky bottles do not affect the books they take home. Damaged or lost books will be required to be replaced.

All classes come to the Library once per week, the loan period is 2 weeks, after which the book becomes overdue and notes are sent to the class. Children can also change books at any time, either before school, after school or at little lunch.

Happy reading
Margot Tredinnick
Library/ICT

iPAD COMPETITION
Please remember to collect tokens from the Sunshine Coast Daily (example above) and place them in the box provided in the office foyer. The school with the most tokens per student wins a set of 10 iPads.
Eumundi State School gains 3rd place in District Swimming

Eumundi did very well to gain 3rd place in the District Swim Trials held at Noosa Aquatic Centre 21 February. Team scores were:-

1st St Thomas More 294
2nd Sunshine Beach State School 244
3rd Eumundi State School 146
4th Peregian Springs State State 90
5th Cooroy State School 51
= 5th Coolum State School 51
7th Tewantin State School 34
8th Federal State School 33
9th Noosaville State School 21
10th Pomona State School 13
11th Peregian Beach College 8

More importantly the whole Eumundi Team once again showed plenty of determination and team spirit.

The team of 35 consisted of:-


Star performers for Eumundi were Tane who was Age Champion once again, Tenaya (runner up for Age Champion), and Ella (Age Champion).

All three students, plus Mitchell (in the backstroke) competed in the Regionals on Tuesday.

Tane competed in 6 events, Tenaya 7 and Ella 9.

Tane added the 12 years breaststroke to his long list of records. Tenaya did a 5.5 second PB in the 100m breaststroke only to miss the record by 0.1 seconds.

I was going to list Eumundi students who achieved top 10 finishes, but when I discovered there were 55 events in which we achieved that, I decided against it. Any swimmer who would like a copy of swim times and overall placings, see Mr Kiorgaard.

Thanks to Mr Smith and Mr Kross who accompanied the team on the day and Mrs Carmont, John Brennan, Janine Scott and Susie Dodd who, I believe, were timekeepers on the day.

**Dates decided for Table Tennis**

The dates for the Table Tennis Regionals (April 28) and States (May 20) have been decided.

In the next few weeks, we will be conducting a School Championship and choosing students to be in our squad for these up and coming events. Basically anyone with reasonable skills, a basic knowledge of the rules of the game and ability to score, and, of most importance, a good temperament is eligible to join our squad.

Our school club is on Tuesdays both breaks in the hall. Anyone from Year 4 up is welcome. Year 3’s by invitation.

**Jack Beardsley off to Italy**

People might remember that in October last year Jack was a star player in the Buderim Wanderers U12 Team which was crowned the best U12 football team in Australia.

On May 04 Jack and the team are off to Italy to play some of the best teams from all over the world. This was their reward. It seems like a long time ago that they qualified to go but there has been a lot of training sessions in the interim. GO JACK!

**District Trialists**

The following students have earned the right to represent Eumundi at District Trials following school based trials last week:-

**AFL** Tom Sparkes and Luke Gregory

**Basketball**

Congratulations to Solomon who won gold in his event (kata under 10 boys) at the Sunshine Coast Titles for karate in February.
Time to start training NOW!

Our Inter-House Cross Country is on earlier this year. It is on the last day of this term (Friday 04 April). All students from Year 3 up are expected to run.

It is good to see Year 6 and 7 students setting a good example. They have been getting out on the oval a number of times a week - skipping and running. Thanks to the Year 6 and 7 teachers. Other classes will be doing some school based preparation shortly. However, if you want to be a serious contender, you will need to do some home based preparation as well, it makes a big difference.

The Sunshine Coast has possibly the best Cross Country Series in the state. The 1st race is on in Buderim (Elizabeth Daniels Park) on Sunday 30 March. Eumundi students who have joined this series in the past have done really well at district level.

The dates and venues of the races are listed below but go to www.sccrosscountry.org for more info.

Race 1 30 March Buderim
Race 2 13 April Ben Bennett Park Caloundra
Race 3 04 May Maleny Golf Club
Race 4 18 May Corbould Park
Race 5 01 June Ben Bennett Park Caloundra
Race 6 15 June Buderim

Up and Coming Events
- Friday 07 March - Noosa District AFL Trials - see Mr Kiorgaard
- 10 & 11 March - Noosa District Rugby League Trials (12 yrs and 11 yrs respectively) - see Mr Smith
- Thursday 13 March - Noosa District Basketball Trials (boys & girls) - see Ms Dunnett
- Friday 21 March - Noosa District Tennis Trials (boys & girls) - see Mrs Carmody & Mrs Donald
- Thursday 27 March - Noosa District Football (Soccer) Trials - see Mr Kiorgiaard
- Sunday 30 March - First race of the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series (at Buderim) go to www.sccrosscountry.org for more info
- Friday 04 April - Eumundi State School Cross Country (Years 3-7)
- Monday 28 April - Sunshine Coast Regional Primary Table Tennis (at Meredian College, Caloundra)
- Monday 19 May - District Cross Country
- Tuesday 20 May - Queensland Schools Table Tennis Championships (Windsor in Brisbane)

Regards
Gary Kiorgiaard
Hello Eumundi

Please be advised the Eumundi State School P&C Association will hold its AGM on Tuesday 18 March from 7.00pm in the Arthouse.

All positions and memberships lapse at the AGM and new members are signed up and executive positions elected.

The AGM is the only meeting where you can fill out a membership application and have it accepted (to become a member of the P&C), otherwise you must attend a meeting to become a member. If you would like a membership application please contact Karen our Operations Manager. If you are interested in an executive position please have a look at the information below which gives a brief description of the roles, and responsibilities involved. Otherwise pay Karen a visit and she can let you know just what is involved and how much time is needed for each position. We look forward to seeing you at our AGM.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Fridays are still proving very busy and we can say big thank you to the lovely Mum who is helping us out each Friday now. However, many hands make light work so if you have a spare hour or two come and see us.

We will be celebrating St Patricks day with a ‘red food day’. Sausage Sizzle and green cupcakes will be on the menu, so look out for that.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Don't forget to be super organised with your bookings. Our service is growing and it is very exciting, so don't be disappointed and book a place while you can.

School holidays begin on 07 April and our vacation care program will be available on the website in 2 weeks.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL GIFT WRAPPING

On Friday 21 and Friday 28 March we will be having a wrapping day. This is to get all of our Mother’s Day gifts wrapped before our stall in May. Tea and coffee will be provided, just bring your wrapping hands. All volunteers would be very welcome.

UNIFORMS

Size 10 and 14 polo shirts have yet to arrive but our order can't be too far away. Just keep popping into the Arthouse Tuesday or Thursday mornings each week to check if they’ve been delivered.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

PRESIDENT

This is the big job. The President is responsible for chairing meetings, chairing executive meetings and being the P&C representative at all school and P&C functions. The President needs to do a crash course in the first 2 weeks of election on P&C procedure and operations. The P&C President is the only person authorised to sign documents on behalf of the P&C and is in constant liaison with the Operations Manager and School Principal.

VICE PRESIDENT

The President’s right hand man. The Vice President steps in whenever the President is unavailable for anything. (A nice position to introduce yourself to P&C life).

SECRETARY

Approximately 2 hours per week is required to record correspondence, set meeting agendas and take minutes at every P&C general meeting and executive meeting. The Secretary is also responsible for keeping all P&C documents filed and accessible.

TREASURER

Another very responsible position. The Treasurer requires approximately 2-4 hours per week handling P&C funds. Treasury is responsible for signing cheques (sometimes weekly) and all payment authorisations. During big fundraising events treasury can be counting for days, but we supply the coffee.

All executive positions are expected to assist with all P&C fundraising events and need to be available when Operations require your attendance. Yes, there are some very important responsibilities but you can make some lifelong friends in this kind of committee.

Our current executive will be seeking re-election unless there are others interested.

Karen Allen
P & C Operations Manager
Do your kids like:
- bike hikes, camping or rock climbing?
- orienteering, construction or knot tying?
- learning first aid skills or to use a compass?
- open fire cooking, kayaking or learning about conservation?
- learning survival skills, astronomy or learning bush skills?
- learning about aircraft or tackling obstacle courses?
- making new friends and experiencing new challenges?

TRY SCOUTING!
Yandina Scout Group!
Corner of Steggals Rd and Carnival Street, Yandina

WHEN DO WE MEET?
Joeys and Cubs Monday 5.30 - 7.00pm
Scouts: Wednesday 6.00 – 8.00pm

For more information or to organise a FREE ‘Come and Try’ night: call Michele (Our Group Leader) on 0401176043 or email chell_64@hotmail.com
www.scoutsqld.com.au
PLANNERS WANTED !!!!!!!

Eumundi
Junior Rugby Union Club
" The Dragons "
Eumundi Showgrounds -
Black Stump Rd Eumundi.

Previous experience needed ? - NO
Cost/season - $185 - pays for match
fees , insurance , ball , socks , shorts ,
boot bag , waterbottle . Jerseys sup-
plied.
Players provide own mouthguards , boots
+ headgear ( U8's and older )
Training Days ? - Thursdays for all ages
( 4.30pm --> 5.45pm ) Tuesdays for
U10's + ( 4.30pm --> 5.45pm )
START ON THURSDAY 20th. FEBRUARY
Match Days ? - Saturday mornings .
Start on 15th. March--> end of August
( not school holidays )
How do I sign up ?
Either
* Attend any training day and meet our
friendly committee or
  • Send details of name , date of
    birth and contact details via text
    ( 0409 756 980 ) or email eu-
    mundidragons@gmail.com

We will then send you a registration form
+ payment details .

Did you know the Sunshine Coast Council
Mobile Library visits Eumundi after school
on a Monday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm?
You will find the Mobile Library parked in Memorial
Drive and everyone is welcome. Its free to join and there is something for everyone on
board.
For further information visit council’s library
website www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au or
phone one of our friendly staff on 1300 LIBRARY
(1300 542727)

Positive Parenting Program

This group will cover:
What is Positive Parenting?
Promoting children’s development

Causes of behaviour problems
Managing misbehaviour

Level 1
Daytime: 9.30am - 11.30am
Dates: 14 March, 2 May, 12 June 2014
Evening: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Dates: 15 April 2014

Ph: 5449 5944

Venue:
Child and Family Health
Noosa Community Health
14 – 16 Bottlebrush Ave
Noosa Heads

Ph: 5449 5944

Great fun , great opportunity.

Please phone to register your interest in a group.